

**Public Law 93-288:  
The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Act  
Overview**

(see: <http://www.mwcog.org/security/security/otherplans/stafford.pdf>)

Public Law 93-288 (PL 93-288) provides the authority for the Federal government to respond to disasters and emergencies in order to provide assistance to save lives and protect public health, safety, and property. Under PL 93-288, the President is authorized to:

- Establish a program of disaster preparedness that uses services of all appropriate agencies;
- Make grants to states, upon their request, for the development of plans and programs for disaster preparedness and prevention; and
- Ensure that all appropriate Federal agencies are prepared to issue warnings of disasters to state and local officials.